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The Honorable David A. Stockman
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This letter responds to OMB's request for comments on Assistant Attorney General McConnell's 2 July letter to you regarding CIA's concerns with Senator Biden's narcotics bill.

Despite the differences between CIA and the Department of Justice regarding the impact of Senator Biden's bill on the Intelligence Community, I do agree with the Department of Justice that it would be inappropriate to seek to amend Senator Biden's narcotics bill at this time since the bill does not appear to be moving. In fact, I did not suggest in my letter of 17 May that our proposed amendment be raised with Congress before it appeared likely that the House of Representatives would act on this legislation. Rather, it was my purpose to state for the record the serious intelligence concerns with this legislation.

We again must note that the Senate Bill S. 1787 would seriously and adversely affect (1) the DCI's responsibilities to coordinate intelligence collection and protect intelligence sources and methods, (2) his responsibilities in connection with the Intelligence Community budget, and (3) his equities regarding the assignment of Intelligence Community personnel.

As a member of the Cabinet Council on Legal Policy, we learned of Justice's alternative to S. 1787 but were never given the opportunity to review the specific proposal and didn't learn of the details of the legislation until it passed the Senate. Requests by our General Counsel to obtain access to the proposal from Justice were denied.

I would hope that the time afforded by the congressional delay in acting on this legislation will enable us to reach an accommodation

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that will alleviate our concerns. I have instructed my staff to work with Department of Justice in reaching an Administration position that will accommodate intelligence concerns.

Sincerely,

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